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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Gary Mullard Northern Stone Supply, Inc. PO Box 249 Oakley, ID 83346

Dear Mr. Mullard:

On November 29, 2010, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State Office sent Northern Stone Supply, Inc. (NSS) a letter informing them that Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America was electing to cancel Bond Number 103386868 in the amount of \$13,000. Said bond covers part of NSSs reclamation obligation for the plan of operations No. UTU-69380, located in Section 18, T. 13 N., R. 13 W. SLB&M.

In that letter the BLM had requested that you replace the surety in the amount of \$13,000, which would keep your total bond for operations UTU-69380 at \$78,600. Since your bond was calculated in 2005 and the regulations in 43 CFR § 3809.552 (b) state;

"BLM will periodically review the estimated cost of reclamation and the adequacy of any funding mechanism established under paragraph (c) of this section and require increased coverage if necessary."

After discussing this matter with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM), we have determined your bond is out of date. The BLM and the UDOGM have agreed that a total amount to cover your existing operation today with a five year escalation would be \$89,200. If there is no significant changes to your operation for the next five years, this bond amount would not need to be recalculated until 2015.

Along with the \$13,000 surety, the BLM holds CDs in the amount of \$65,600, for your operation UTU-69380. Therefore, instead of replacing the above mentioned \$13,000 surety, NSS would need to submit an acceptable financial guarantee in the amount of \$23,600, to bring the total amount of your financial guarantee to \$89,200.

If you need assistance in choosing an acceptable financial guarantee, please contact Opie Abeyta, of the BLMs State Office, Mining Law Adjudication team, at (801) 539-4123.

If you have any other questions, or require additional information, please contact Larry Garahana of my staff at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Nelson

Assistant Field Office Manager Non-Renewable Resources

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cc: UDOGM, 1549 W. North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 94114

Opie Abeyta, BLM S.O. (UT923)